

## **REMARKS**

### **I. INTRODUCTION.**

Claims 1 and 3-6 remain pending in the above-identified patent application, with claims 1 and 3-6 having been herein amended and claim 2 canceled in response to the Office Action of July 18, 2005. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

### **II. THE CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112 AND OBJECTION SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.**

The Examiner objected to claim 1 as being informal and rejected claims 2, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. The objection was made to claim 1 in that on line 8 "each of" should be inserted before "said" to clearly indicate that the inner wall part extends to the outer circumference of both outer rings. The rejection was made to claims 2, 5 and 6 in that there was specified indefiniteness with regard to the two ball bearings and two outer rings such that "it is unclear what the positioning of the elements is".

In response, the applicants have amended Claims 1, 5 and 6, and canceled claim 2.

Accordingly, the Applicants believe that the amendments to Claims 1, 5 and 6 put the claims in condition for allowance.

### **III. THE CLAIM REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN.**

The Examiner has rejected Claim 1 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,529,404 to Robinson et al. However, the Examiner has also indicated that claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has rewritten claim 1 to include the allowable limitations of claim 2, and rewritten claim 5 in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, independent claims 1 and 5, and the claims which depend therefrom, are now in condition for allowance and this rejection should be withdrawn.

### **IV. SUBMISSION OF SIGNED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY.**

A review of our files indicated that a signed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney were not submitted in this application. Accordingly, although a Missing Parts never issued, Applicant herewith submits the executed combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and hereby requests that it be entered into the file. An authorization for the Patent & Trademark Office to charge the applicable late surcharge under 37 CFR § 1.16(f) for filing of the Declaration is contained below.

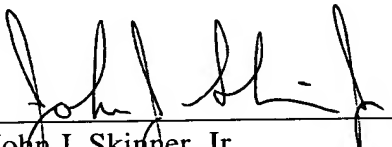
### **V. CONCLUSION.**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that pending Claims 1 and 3-6 are allowable. All issues raised by the examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

As a fee of \$130.00 is believed to be due as a surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration, the Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge \$130.00 and any fees required for the entry of this Response, including fees for an extension of time, and any further fees that are properly assessable in this case, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500675, Order No. 051319/0057. A Fee Transmittal is also enclosed for accounting purposes. In the event that an extension of time is needed for entry of this Response that is not otherwise provided for, such extension of time is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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